

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of demonstrating the draining activity of a cosmetic and/or a dermocosmetic treatment, said method comprising:

- prior to the treatment, acquiring at least one first datum representative of the water content in the superficial dermis and/or in the epidermis, using an MRI imaging technique having high spatial resolution;
- treating at least part of the body with the composition;
- after the treatment, acquiring at least one second datum representative of the water content in the superficial dermis and/or in the epidermis, using said MRI imaging technique;
- demonstrating any draining activity by comparing the first and second data.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the treatment comprises topical application of the composition.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the treatment comprises administration of said composition by general means, in particular ingestion or inhalation.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein, ~~characterized in that~~ N(H) is compared before and after treatment.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ the relaxation time T1 is compared before and after the treatment.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~any one of claims 1, wherein to 3, characterized in that~~ the relaxation time T2 is compared before and after the treatment.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein ~~any preceding claim, characterized in that~~ the composition comprises a lipolytic active ingredient.

8. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, ~~containing~~characterized in that it contains, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one active ingredient, in particular a lipolytic active ingredient, said active ingredient being such that when it is present in a sufficient quantity in the composition, use of said active ingredient in particular by topical or general means can cause a reduction in N(H) of at least 2.5% in the superficial dermis and/or the epidermis.
9. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, ~~containing~~characterized in that it contains, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one active ingredient, in particular a lipolytic active ingredient, said active ingredient being such that when it is present in a sufficient quantity in the composition, use of said active ingredient in particular by topical or general means can cause a reduction in T1 of at least 2.0% in the superficial dermis and/or the epidermis.
10. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition, ~~containing~~characterized in that it contains, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one active ingredient, in particular a lipolytic active ingredient, said active ingredient being such that when it is present in a sufficient quantity in the composition, use of said active ingredient in particular by topical or general means can cause a reduction in T2 of at least 1.5% in the epidermis.
11. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 8, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the variation in N(H) is at least 4% in the superficial dermis and/or the epidermis.
12. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 8, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the variation in N(H) is at least 9% in the superficial dermis.
13. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claim~~any one of claims 8, including to 12, characterized in that it includes at least one active ingredient selected from caffeine and its derivatives, caffeine citrate, theophylline and its derivatives, theobromine, acefylline, aminophylline, chloroethyltheophylline, diprophylline, diniprophylline, etamiphylline and its

derivatives, etofylline, proxyphylline, ephedrine and its derivatives, combinations of caffeine and silanol, compounds of natural origin containing xanthic bases such as extracts of tea, coffee, guarana, maté, kola (*Cola Nitida*); plant extracts of *Garcinia Cambogia*, extracts of *Bupleurum chinensis*, extracts of common ivy (*Hedera Helix*), arnica (*Arnica Montana L*), rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis L*), marigold (*Calendula officinalis*), sage (*Salvia officinalis L*), ginseng (*Panax ginseng*), St John's Wort (*Hypericum Perforatum*), Butcher's Broom (*Ruscus aculeatus L*), meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria L*), orthosiphon (*Orthosiphon Stamincus Benth*), birch (*Betula alba*), extracts of pumpwood and argan tree, extracts of ginkgo biloba, extracts of horsetail, extracts of escin, complexes of phospholipids and of proanthocyanidines from horse chestnut bark, extracts of cangzhu, extracts of *chrysanthemum indicium*, sapogenins such as diosgenin or hecogenin, their derivatives and natural extracts containing them, in particular Wild Yam, extracts from plants of the genus *Armeniacea*, *Atractylodis Platicodon*, *Sinom-menum*, *Pharbitidis*, *Flemingia*, extracts of *Coleus* such as *C Forskohlii*, *C blumei*, *C esquirolii*, *C scutellaroides*, *C xanthantus* and *C Barbatus*, extracts of *Ballota*, extracts of *Guioa*, *Davallia*, *Terminalia*, *Barringtonia*, *Trema*, *Antirobia*, extracts from algae or phytoplankton such as rhodysterol or extract of *Laminaria Digitata*, the alga skeletonema, and diatoms.

14. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claim~~any one of claims 8, wherein ~~to 13, characterized in that~~ the variation in the water content is observed after four weeks of treatment.

15. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claim~~any one of claims 8, ~~comprising to 14, characterized in that it comprises~~ at least one extract of *Dioscorea* which is rich in diosgenin.

16. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 15, ~~wherein~~characterized in ~~that~~ the extract of *Dioscorea* derives from wild yam tubers.

17. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claimany one of claims 8, comprising to 16, characterized in that it comprises~~ at least one fatty acid glyceride or a mixture of C₆ to C₂₂ fatty acids, optionally polyoxyethylenated and/or polyoxypropylenated.
18. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claimany one of claims 8, comprising to 10, characterized in that it comprises~~ "Dioschol" in a concentration of 5% by weight or more, preferably 8% by weight or more with respect to the total composition weight.
19. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claimany one of claims 8, the composition being to 18, characterized in that it is~~ packaged in a thermoplastic receptacle.
20. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claimany one of claims 8, the composition being to 18, characterized in that it is~~ packaged in a receptacle other than a thermoplastic receptacle.
21. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~claimany one of claims 8, the composition being to 20, characterized in that it is~~ packaged with instructions describing a particular sequence of hand movements with which to apply it.
22. (Original) The use of a lipolytic active ingredient for the production of a composition having a draining effect on the superficial dermis and/or the epidermis.
23. (Currently Amended) A use according to claim 22, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that the lipolytic active ingredient is selected from caffeine and its derivatives, caffeine citrate, theophylline and its derivatives, theobromine, acefylline, aminophylline, chloroethyltheophylline, diprofylline, diniprophylline, etamiphylline and its derivatives, etofylline, proxyphylline, ephedrine and its derivatives, combinations of caffeine and silanol, compounds of natural origin containing xanthic bases such as extracts of tea, coffee, guarana, maté, kola (*Cola Nitida*); plant extracts of *Garcinia Cambogia*, extracts of *Bupleurum chinensis*, extracts of common ivy (*Hedera Helix*), arnica (*Arnica Montana L*), rosemary

(*Rosmarinus officinalis* L), marigold (*Calendula officinalis*), sage (*Salvia officinalis* L), ginseng (*Panax ginseng*), St John's Wort (*Hypericum Perforatum*), Butcher's Broom (*Ruscus aculeatus* L), meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria* L), orthosiphon (*Orthosiphon Stamincus Benth*), birch (*Betula alba*), extracts of pumpwood and argan tree, extracts of ginkgo biloba, extracts of horsetail, extracts of escin, complexes of phospholipids and of proanthocyanidines from horse chestnut bark, extracts of cangzhu, extracts of *chrysanthemum indicium*, sapogenins such as diosgenin or hecogenin, their derivatives and natural extracts containing them, in particular Wild Yam, extracts from plants of the genus *Armeniacea*, *Atractylodis Platicodon*, *Sinom-menum*, *Pharbitidis*, *Flemingia*, extracts of *Coleus* such as *C Forskohlii*, *C blumei*, *C esquirolii*, *C scutellaroides*, *C xanthantus* and *C Barbatus*, extracts of Ballota, extracts of *Guioa*, *Davallia*, *Terminalia*, *Barringtonia*, *Trema*, *Antirobia*, extracts from algae or phytoplankton such as rhodysterol or extract of *Laminaria Digitata*, the alga skeletonema, and diatoms.

24. (Currently Amended) A use according to claim 22, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that the active ingredient is an extract of Dioscorea which is rich in diosgenin.

25. (Currently Amended) A use according to claim 24, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that the extract of Dioscorea extract derives from wild yam tubers.

26. (Currently Amended) A use according to claim 22, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that the composition comprises at least one fatty acid glyceride or a mixture of C₆ to C₂₂ fatty acids, optionally polyoxyethylenated and/or polyoxypropylenated.

27. (Currently Amended) A use according to claim 22, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that the composition comprises "Dioschol" in a concentration of 5% by weight or more, preferably 8% by weight or more with respect to the total composition weight.